

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election/Restriction Requirement, the Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-17) for examination. As indicated above, claims 18-22 have been withdrawn from the present application.

The requirement for restriction as set forth in the Office Action is respectfully traversed. The Applicants consider the invention to be defined by claims 1-22 in this divisional application. The species set forth by the Examiner share a common operation, function and affect.

In any case, to be responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement and to move the case along to examination and issue, the Applicants have elected Group I as set forth above. The Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application or take other action as appropriate to protect the invention as set forth in the withdrawn claims. It is respectfully requested, however, that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that a complete examination of the application in compliance with Section 131 be performed.

If a telephone conference will assist in clarifying or expediting this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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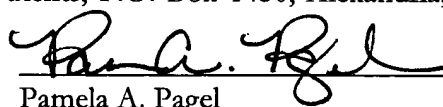
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